

Wellesley Board of Health
90 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA, 02481
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2019

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman
Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD, Vice Chairman
Linda Grape, Secretary
Carol Hannenberg, Associate

Staff:

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator
Leonard Izzo, Director
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator
Ann Marie McCauley, Nursing Supervisor
Marie Palmier, Community Social Worker

In attendance:

Mary Gard, Advisory Committee, liaison
Lloyd Tarlin, MD, resident and former Board member

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

The Board of Health approved the following meeting minutes: March 7, 2019

1. Administration

a) Chairman's Report

Shep Cohen reported on the following:

- April 23- Vaping Forum is scheduled to take place in the Wellesley Public Schools.

b) Directors Report

Leonard Izzo reported on the following:

- A new housing director is in place
- Meghan Jop, the newly appointed Executive Director of General Government Services will be invited to the next board meeting
- The Coleman Institute is expected to open in the next few weeks.

- The public awareness project on opioids was to be stationed on Central Street. Mr. Izzo reported that he has not had much of an interest nor active response from the Wellesley Merchant Association. Mr. Izzo had hoped that they would display the project in the Fall. In addition, Mr. Izzo reported on the Wellesley Rotary Club, which has been organizing a public forum on opioid use.

c) Grant funding

Sustainability Committee- At the last meeting, Mr. Izzo reported on transportation funding provided to the town from Lyft/Uber. For every ride that originates from the Town of Wellesley, a small fee is paid to the town to support the town's "green initiative". Mr. Izzo requested that for this year the funds be used for low income camper transportation.

At today's meeting, Mr. Izzo reported that Ellen Korpi of the Sustainability Committee believes that this does not meet the guidelines, and the funds will be used for a new crosswalk. Jack Morgan of the Board of Selectmen supported this decision.

d) Working Groups

Shep Cohen has proposed four working groups to address immediate issues and areas of ongoing concern. Each group would be led by a member or associate member of the Board of Health. The groups and their area assignments are as follows:

1. Vaping and Marijuana- Carol Hannenberg
2. Housing Authority – Shep Cohen
3. Elder Services - Linda Oliver Grape
4. Department Staffing - Marcia Testa Simonson

The board will further discuss this proposal.

e) FY20 Budget and Advisory

At the last several meetings, the Board of Health has reviewed the FY20 Operating Budget. At the last meeting, Beth Sullivan Woods and Mary Gard reported that the Board of Health was to show Advisory a list of what the 169 new constructions are in town and have asked for additional justification for the current and requested positions. At today's meeting, the Board of Health reported that the additional information was provided, however Mary Gard reported that the majority of the members of the Advisory Committee still do not understand the operation or the legalities of the Board of Health and Health Department.

f) Social Services and Advisory

At the last meeting, Beth Sullivan Woods reported that at the Board of Selectmen meeting of March 2, 2019, the Selectmen unanimously approved funding of \$160,000 for the town-wide mental health proposal. Ms. Sullivan Woods reported that at their last meeting of March 4, 2019, the Selectmen voted to reject the funding based on recommendations made by the Advisory Committee.

At today's meeting, the Board of Health reviewed recent Advisory meetings and the changing position of the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Health has been asked to provide additional information in regards to the mental health proposal.

Leonard Izzo and Marcia Testa Simonson reported that they will be drafting a warrant to be presented at Town Meeting. The \$160k will provide funding for the following:

- A Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) in the Health Department.
- A forty hour per week contract for a case manager with Riverside Community Care, to be utilized by the Wellesley Police. This contract will be split between Wellesley and Weston. The case manager will be made available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.
- Additional funding to cover the costs of increased services provided by Human Relation Services.

g) Building Code

Mary Gard reported on information she obtained during a recent Advisory meeting. Ms. Gard reported that building codes are being updated at the state level. Requests have been made for Boards of Health to vote on improving the building code to improve the carbon foot print. Boards must register to vote by March 29, 2019.

h) Human Resources

At the last several meetings, Shep Cohen and Leonard Izzo reported that Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Agent (EHA) had announced her upcoming retirement. Ms. Detroy had been expected to retire at the end of January, early February however, she has retracted her original date of retirement. It was reported that Ms. Detroy is uncertain about her initial decision, pending the possibility of a job description change.

At today's meeting Leonard Izzo reported that he had no additional information about Ms. DeTroy's formal retirement date. Additional information will be made available at the next meeting.

2. Community Health

a) Nursing report

Ann Marie McCauley provided a brief overview of nursing services. Ms. McCauley reported that she continues to receive small amounts of Shingrix vaccine (Shingles - Zoster).

Ms. McCauley reported that cases of influenza have been dropping.

Ann Marie McCauley conducted a review of Automatic Emergency Defibrillators (AED) in local health clubs. Mr. Izzo reported at the last meeting that Fitness Together is the only location without an AED on site.

Ms. McCauley reported on the recent program she attended in Norwood on Infectious Prevention.

b) Influenza Vaccine

Ann Marie McCauley and Leonard Izzo reported on the influenza vaccine orders for the upcoming year. The Board of Health voted and approved the use of the Health Wellesley Fund for the purchase exceeding \$500.

c) Social Services

Marie Palmier provided a brief social services report. She has been meeting with residents and school personnel to determine resident needs.

Leonard Izzo reported that Marie will be working on some of the community programming.

d) Upcoming Programming

Cheryl Lefman reported on the following programs that have been scheduled:

- Stop the Bleed/Narcan training (4/4/19)
- Vaping (4/23/19)
- Drug and Needle Take Back Day (4/27/19)
- Depression Program (5/23/19)
- Wonderful Weekend – Dog Show (5/18/19)

Ms. Lefman reported that the CPR/AED and First Aid programs were held in early March and were fully subscribed.

3. Environmental Health

a) Haskins Auto Body

At the last meeting, Leonard Izzo reported on a long standing complaint regarding spray fumes from a vent stack at Haskins Auto Body. DEP contacted Mr. Izzo requesting that the Health Department conduct an inspection. Mr. Izzo reported that DEP has to enforce the complaint and do the inspection of the vent stack.

At today's meeting, Mr. Izzo reported that the Fire Department does routine inspections of the location.

b) Vaping and E-cigarettes

At the last several meetings, Leonard Izzo reported that he intends to invite DJ Wilson (Tobacco Control Director and Public Health Liaison for the Massachusetts Municipal Association) to attend a Board of Health meeting to discuss revisions to Wellesley's current tobacco regulations. Mr. Izzo will also invite Linda Corridan and David Lussier from Wellesley Public Schools to attend the meeting.

Dr. Lester Hartman of Westwood-Mansfield Pediatrics will be presenting on the dangers of Vaping and Juuling on April 23, 2019 at the Wellesley High School.

4. Emergency Preparedness

a) Emergency Preparedness Programming

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held on April 25, 2019 at 9:30am.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

Documents reviewed during this meeting and on file in the Health Department:

- Proposal for Discussion: Four Working Groups